

HA-1152
VAN METER HOUSE
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1880's

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON Van Meter House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

314 Bourbon St.

6

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER rental

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles W. Van Meter

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

307 Oak St.

CITY, TOWN

Edgewood

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21040**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located one block west of the Susquehanna River, facing north, 314 Bourbon St., is a two story, two bay wide frame dwelling c. 1885. Frame dwellings, dating from the same era are on either side of it. The main section is L-shaped with a slightly recessed two story tower in the northwest corner. A two story wing joins the rear, and a one story addition-perhaps once a summer kitchen, is joined to the wing by a series of one story additions. Also on the wing, at the east elevation, is an enclosed shed addition. The house, recently painted white with tan trim, is covered with clapboards.

A nine bay verandah extends across the front and around the west elevation. It has a bracketed shed roof with a frieze, having small perforated floral designs on it, supported by bracketed turned and chamfered posts and a panel railing and pierced by geometric designs.

Windows are arranged evenly on the front elevation. One rectangular bay window is on the first floor; It has two 1/1 light windows in the front and one on each side, beneath the brackets supporting the bay are molded panels. The roof of the porch divides the second floor bay, or oriel, from the one on the first floor. Also supported by brackets and having a molded entablature above it, the bay is slightly advanced, rectangular in shape and has two 1/1 light sash window in it. The second story of the tower has 2/2 light double hung sash. Although the wing and rear additions some 6/6 light sash windows, the majority of the windows on the structure have 2/2 light sash.

The main entrance is in the west bay of the front elevation. The door has three deeply molded horizontal panels with a large pane of beveled glass in the upper half. Above the door is a one light transom.

The main section has a steeply pitched L-shaped roof with a center gable, plain barge boards and finials and pendants on the front and sides. Two brick chimneys with corbeled caps are on the east end, main section. A square tower in the northwest corner has a bracketed cornice under a pyramidal roof. The two story rear wing has a gable roof with the ridge perpendicular to the street. All of the roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The main section of this two story , three bay wide frame Gothic Revival dwelling is L-shaped. The Van Meter House is located on the same side of Bourbon St. as HA-1150 and HA-1151(one block from the Susquehanna River)and has a more sophisticated appearance than either of the other houses. A two story square tower with a pyramidal roof is in the northwest corner and a veranda with a perforated-design frieze extends across the front and around the east elevation. The simple and spare lines of the house complement the main decorative features: tower and veranda. The house is the most outstanding in it immediate neighborhood of mid to late 19th century dwellings.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton-Historic Sites Surveyor

April 77

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

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